

Workingmen's Houses,
Patrick Scarry House
636 Dodge Street
Dubuque
Dubuque County
Iowa

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Site Location:

636 Dodge Street
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DOT designation: Resource Site No. 3.18
Cadastral grid : NW1/4 SE1/4 S25 T89N R2E
USGS quadrangle: Dubuque South Iowa 7.5'
UTM coordinates: 15.691700.4706815
Lot dimensions : 30'x 100' : .07 acre
Lot description: Lot 4 of Newman, Cooper
and Smyth's Subdivision
of Out Lot 695

Present Owner: Justin P. and Mary Jane McCarthy

Present Usage: single family residence

Present Condition : fair

Overall Dimensions: 2-story main block: 30'x 16'; open front porch: 6'x 16';
rear addition: 18'x 11'.

Orientation : northwest

Architectural Plan type : 2-story rectangle with 1-story rear addition.

Description : Foundation: parged stone perimeter walls.

Structure : wood frame

Ext. walls: asbestos-cement shingles installed over beveled wood siding.

Roofs : moderately pitched, front-gabled roof on main block, sheathed with 3-tab asphalt shingles; shallowly pitched hip over front porch; gable with shed extension over rear addition, covered with asphalt roll roofing.

Chimneys : one stuccoed brick interior chimney, centered on ridge, at the south end of main block.

Dormers : none

Windows : primarily wood 1/1 double-hung sash; large, 3-panel window, composed of fixed cottage with sidelights, on first floor front under porch; small, fixed-sash 5/1 attic window in front gable; varied window shapes and types in rear addition; plain casings and slip sills.

Openings : offset single-leaf front door; simple side door in east wall of rear addition; plain casings and sills.

Porches : 1-story, full width front porch, roof supported by 4 (replacement) square boxed columns; concrete steps with a wrought iron railing.

Details : molded and boxed cornices on main block and front porch roofs; stone and concrete block retaining wall on east side of property.

Construction Date : c.1872

Architecture Style: Gable ended box

Physical History : In 1869 prominent Dubuque capitalists A.A. Cooper, William Newman and Edward Smyth subdivided the north part of Out Lot 695 into fourteen residential lots. Three years later, in May 1872, Patrick Scarry bought Lot 4 from the developers for \$200. It is assumed that he constructed this two-story frame house on the lot soon thereafter. Scarry occupied the house for 17 years before selling it to Patrick McNulty. A laborer, McNulty lived here until his death sometime before 1899. His widow, Margaret, continued in the house, renting a room to boarders and working at the Julien Hotel for income. In 1919 she sold the property to Voelker Realty. Since 1921 the house has been held by long-term occupants Anton Freund and Justin McCarthy. The building has undergone a typical array of alterations over its extended occupancy. A one-story addition has been built onto the rear. Asbestos-cement shingles have been installed on the exterior walls, asphalt shingles and rolls on the roofs, and several components of the front porch have been replaced.

Significance: A typically configured gable ended box, the Patrick Scarry House is one of the earliest of the modest workingmen's houses built on lower Dodge Street in the 1870s and 1880s.

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